



# ARC-OVER

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**George Stevens K6SNA December 19, 1927 to August 6, 2019**

(Reprint from SARA Readout)



George Stevens



Allen WA6OYF and George



George passed away at age 91 on Tuesday August 6th following a short hospital stay. Born at Samuel Merrit Hospital, Oakland, CA. Preceded in death by parents George Sr. and Lillie Stevens, Sister Florence Rabbiosa. Survived by Brother Martin Stevens of Prescott Arizona and Niece Judy Marshall of Modesto, CA. George grew up in Riverbank and graduated Oakdale High School in 1946 and received his business degree from San Francisco State University.

## K6SNA (Continued)

A very well-regarded Amateur Radio (Ham) operator with callsign K6SNA, George was a member of Turlock Amateur Radio Club and the Stanislaus Amateur Radio Association. He has worked full time at the headquarters of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), his callsign K1LVW in West Hartford, Connecticut. George served as an assistant Director for the ARRL Pacific Division. He also served as State Director of the United States Air Force Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) callsign AFA6WQ. This service provided the messages "back home" from our men and women in the Armed Forces. George has been a member of MARS since 1953. In December 2017 he received an "EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP" along with a new License. A follow up Congratulatory phone call came from the MARS director at the Pentagon.

George is a charter member of the Modesto Radio Museum. George has worked for several radio stations including KTUR Turlock, KTRB Modesto, and was a News Director at KBOX in Modesto. He also was a freelance photographer for the Modesto Bee. Other employment included working for the General Electric 2-way radio dealer Mobile Communications owned by a friend and Ham operator Max Sayre callsign W6GYN.

George and Max formed West Side Radio and applied to the FCC for a Construction permit to build an AM radio station in Tracy, CA. Max was the Engineer and George was handling the FCC application and process. After nearly a 20-year effort they sold the application out to the Grandson of Boeing Aircraft for a radio station in the Sacramento area.

George had a talent for special projects ranging from legal document research, to assisting the well-known radio pioneer engineer Cecil Lynch. George finished out his working career as Administrative Assistant for his close friend Allen Woods callsign WA6OYF, 2nd generation owner of Al's Certified Safe & Lock.

Volunteer work in Stanislaus County included providing emergency amateur radio communication during the Flood of 1955, Stanislaus Complex Fire in 1987, Flood of 1997 and numerous training exercises. He was an associate member of the Woodland Avenue Retired [Firefighters](#) Association.

George will be remembered has the perfect Gentleman and a Great Friend to all. A Graveside Service will be held Wednesday August 14th at 10:00 AM. Lakewood Memorial Park, viewing the evening before on Tuesday August 13th from 4-8 PM in the Lakewood Riverside Chapel. Lakewood is located at 900 Santa Fe Road. Hughson, CA 95326

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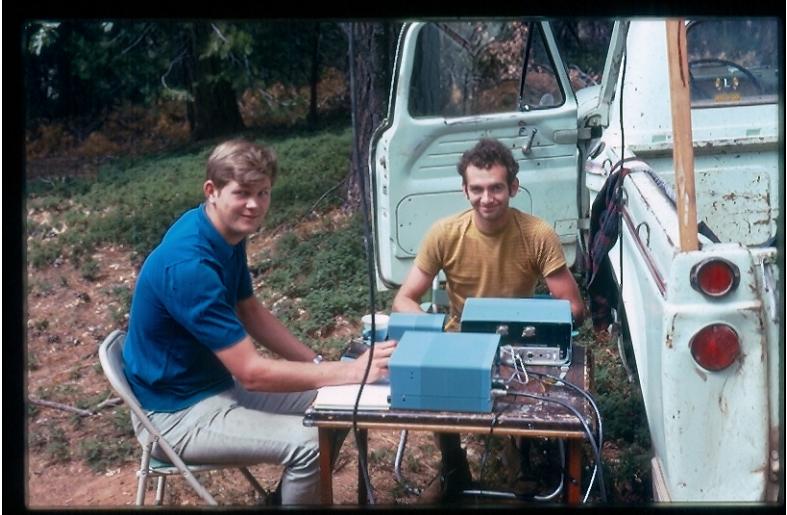
This is a you tube link of George talking about his beginning in broadcast radio.

[https://youtu.be/THyhwDOSC\\_0](https://youtu.be/THyhwDOSC_0)

## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

We lost another one of our members Steve Brown N6WQV. Steve and his lovely bride provided breakfast for recent field day Saturday mornings. He was a congenial easy going who guy with never a cross word or thought toward his fellow hams... Steve's Services will be held Tuesday 9/10 at 10AM @Allen Mortuary in Turlock, CA. Viewing, Monday evening, Sept 9th from 4 pm. to 7 p.m.. Steve will be interred at the Winton Cemetery. Our prayers and support go out to the family... Steve will be missed by all who knew and loved him...

1970 FD Picture of Bob Urhammer WB6VEX who became director, Berkeley Seismology Laboratory in later years and Steve who were operating 6 meters if I recall correctly..



## Club Meeting September 9th 2019

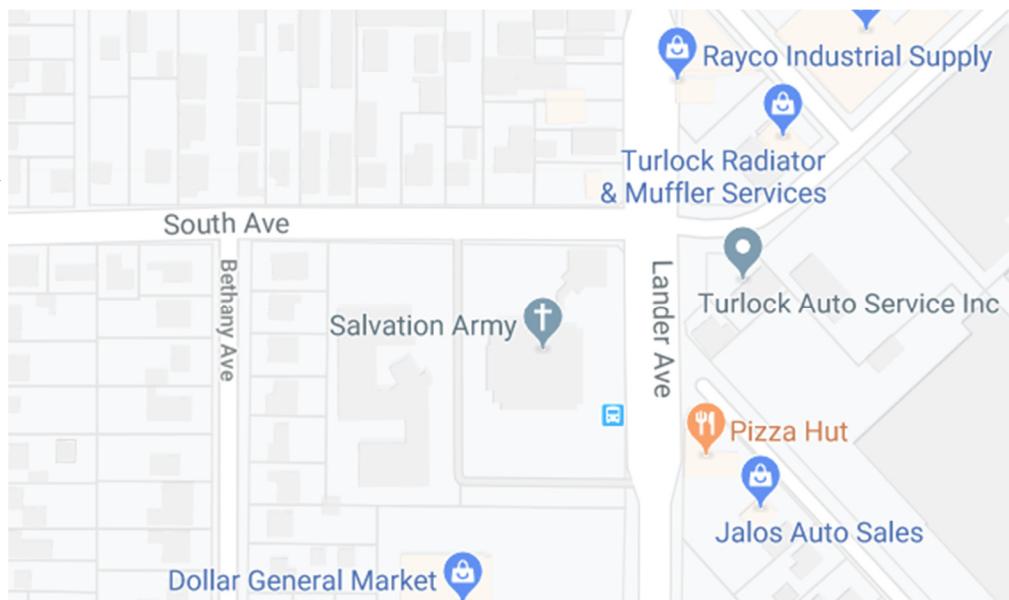
Program will be on Memorable Phone Patches and the art there of... With the advent of world wide cellular, the internet, satellite connections and amateur radio Winlink radio email, the art of making a phone patch has drifted off the scene along with the horse and buggy..

For a brief remembrance of 50 years or more of making phone patches you are invited to attend and hopefully enjoy these recollections.

Salvation Army Corps  
893 Lander Ave Turlock  
CA...

Corner of South and Lander  
Avenues

Meeting Starts 7:00 PM



## ITEMS FOR SALE

I have 3 Astron power supplies for sale, 2 ea 70A with meters and one 50A rack mounted, any one of them for 250.00

Ben W6TCD  
Merced  
769-4173

## Silent Key by Unknown

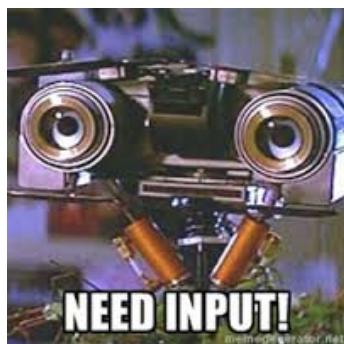
I didn't hear a call last night  
Little steps through the dial  
Until just before light  
I finally gave up after awhile

A familiar voice of a friend  
The camaraderie that had grown  
Hours of conversation with someone  
Their face I have never known

After a week  
With no signal found  
Without a peep  
Without a sound

A message finally  
On email from a friend  
Finally brought the reality  
Of this home to me again

My faceless friend  
Had passed away  
That gentle voice  
He became a silent key that day



YUP! Your input is needed. So many of our group are new to the hobby and seem to be interested in history and the experiences of our seasoned members... I encourage you if you have a technical article or a recount of an experience you might have incurred, believe me there are those out there who are interested and would welcome hearing from you... Give it some thought. Crank up those creative juices and submit an article... No Pulitzers awarded but appreciation certainly offered...

## In Memoriam

Stan Wymer w6adb  
Les Johhson w6diy  
Claude Sanders w6ntk  
Aubry Jackson w6qer  
Arnold Richards  
Dick Barham k6dmh  
Cal Purviance k6bii  
Ed Cornell w6gfb  
Ed Dervision w6cxl  
Howard Hale w6fym  
Bill Bates w6cf  
John Clements k6ikt  
Roy Weston k6ocr  
Cliff Price w6ere  
Alex Cobleigh k6lpg  
Joe Rice w6eqo  
George Stevens k6sna  
Steve Brown n6wqv  
Claude Owens wb6mdn  
Shirley Owens wa6qop  
Mel McCoy wa6oyp  
Len Mendonca wa6fol  
Ev Linscott wa6dxo  
Bob Blythe k6gm  
Ernie Ratzlaff wa6uxy  
Charlie Harding k6sww  
Ron Hunt n6mts  
Doyle Garner n6dtw  
Rudy Lindquist w6sm  
Joe Tresciggi k6exe  
Max Hunt  
Skinny Leighter w6axi  
Jerry Kaplan kl7ifr  
Betty Marsh kl7fjw  
Bob Powers w6mrt  
Lefty Powers w6mrw  
Denny Scranton  
VD Cassell k6tsi  
Ed Bewley w6giw  
Bob Edwards  
Morry Nelson w6fbq  
John Pitman w6hhb  
Jack Scanlon w6oin  
Lavonne Scanlon wb6pjy  
Bob Huff w6ku  
Van Carmen wa6awk  
Eldon Beale  
Peg Austin  
Elmer Sugars  
A. Hotch Hotchkiss K6dym  
Glen Hotchkiss  
Ivan Lowe w6skh  
Sherm Desper w6wpv  
Sam Friedhoff  
Pat Patterson  
Al Johnson k6rpl  
Marcel Chapuis k6ytk  
Ray Fulton k6bp  
Frank Ashby w6aju  
Leon Sutherland k6lwo  
Jerry Sharpe wa6cvl  
Max Sayre w6gyn  
Fred Silveira k6duu  
Ralph Saroyan w6jpu  
Gil Goulart w6sqr  
Max Ferrell zl1we  
Chris Coffin k6cp

The above are NOT all of the departed hams I have known, just those that popped into my mind at the moment. Forgive me for omitting any of those who I should have remembered. There are fragments of names and calls still floating around in my mind. Each of these have vivid faces and a memorable story. Such is the wonder and profound pleasure of our hobby. As I periodically publish the SK notices I'm reminded of an opportunity perhaps missed to get to know someone a little better. Become a bit more involved with their life, therefore enriching my own.. I would encourage you to keep in mind your opportunity to be gracious might have been yesterday in that for some of our fraternity tomorrow might well not exist.

Hundreds of stories and events are fondly remembered and periodically recalled... They are the assets of friendships made over the years... Treasure them while cultivating new memories... They are priceless, invaluable certainly worth more than the number of radios you accumulate in a lifetime which is just STUFF.

Editor K6IXA

**Meeting of the Turlock Amateur Radio Club**  
**August 13, 2019 @ 7PM**  
**Salvation Army Facility, 893 Lander Ave, Turlock**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) with 29 members and guests in attendance.

**Vice President's Report:**

Vice President Dick Decker (K6SUU) – next months program will be by Grady Williams (K6IXA) on the lost art of phone patches.

**Membership Chairman's Report:**

Ed Darrah (K7ERD) reported we have 80 paid members on the club roster.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Mike Smith (KG6VFL) is out of town. No report.

**Secretary's Report:**

President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) entertained a motion that the minutes of the July meeting be accepted as published in the ArcOver. Motion by Ed Darrah (K7ERD) with second by Ron Roos (KJ6KNL). Motion carried.

**Repeater Chairman's Report:**

Grady Williams (K6IXA) reported that the 1.2Ghz is down.

**ArcOver Publisher's Report:**

Grady Williams (K6IXA) reported that items for the ArcOver are due by August 20, 2019.

**Old Business:**

President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) requested input from the membership on activities they are interested in and for ideas on how to increase member participation.

**New Business:**

Ed Darrah (K7ERD) resigned his position as membership chairman. President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) asked for volunteers to take over the membership chairman position. No volunteers.

Grady Williams (K6IXA) reported there is an estate in Modesto with a TH6DX(?) beam antenna, 11 element 2m beam, Ringo Ranger 2m vertical, HAM-M rotator and a 48' Rohn tower available for free if you take it down. Will need to have liability insurance. See Grady for more information.

Motion to adjourn by Walter Schmidt (KI6PBL) and seconded by Ed Darrah (K7ERD). Meeting adjourned by President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) at 7:20pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Greg Back (WA6LGS).

**Program:** the program tonight was a very interesting presentation on HF and DX by Spencer Boyd (KJ6ART).

**Note from Steve N7SR  
(The Fly Guy)**

Hi Grady,

Your email reminded me why I like pilots and hams so much. I was a ham since 1959. I think I have one ham radio video, on morse code. I have three Navy flying videos, and quite a few from Florida boating and kayaking, some fishing, some not.

As you know, there are many aspects to ham radio and it sounds like you are into many of them. From day one I loved CW and never really felt comfortable with a microphone in my hand, so I just continued with CW. The last 10 years or so with my operating I was pretty much QRP, for the challenge. Have kind of lost interest with ham radio in the past few years.

The Navy taught me to fly starting in 1966. After getting my wings they made me a flight instructor in VT-23 in Kingsville, TX, flying an old Korean War vintage TF9-J. Then I was assigned to a west coast squadron, VA-27, who were transitioning to the brand new A-7E, Corsair II. We trained and trained, finally deploying to Vietnam in June 1971 aboard the USS Enterprise. I ended up with 60 combat missions flying one of the greatest aircraft of the day. I loved that plane. I got out in December 1971.

Joined the FBI in 1976 as a Special Agent. Did a fair amount of flying for them doing aerial surveillance, accumulating 1800 hours, primarily in Cessna 182's. Fantastic job in an equally fantastic organization.

Retired in 1999 and bought my first powered parachute, a Buckeye Dream Machine. Next was a Gemini Star, a single seat 503. I had a rectangular chute at first that looked almost exactly like yours. Then I got an elliptical chute, which performed much better but did not look as pretty. I had 400 hours in PPS's when I sold it three years ago or so. I felt I was getting too old and would not heal well if I managed to break something. besides, I was flying less and less, and I think I was losing interest.

Now I am making video with my drone, a DJI Phanom 4 Pro. I am afraid they may take that away from me soon and leave me with a balsa wood glider. Such is life.

Glad you have enjoyed the videos. Thanks for taking the trouble to get in contact. All the best.

73,

Steve, N7SR



Steve has a series of 12 Videos shot in Minnesota... First of all I had no Idea the country was so beautiful after all the snow melts... In addition I had no idea they grew so much corn. Anyway you can view the Videos individually or the whole sequence... Go to <https://youtu.be/ZgFye1DA8Ro> If this don't light your fire nothing will... Number 12 is my favorite, However if time permits I recommend viewing the whole series.... Full screen sound up...

Enjoy  
K6IXA editor